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## *Gospel Eternal*

**T**HERE are in the British Mission Library the bound volumes of the *Millennial Star* beginning with 1840 and continuing down to the present time. In these precious books are found much of the history of missionary activity in Great Britain. During these years times have changed—conditions have been altered on many fronts, teaching methods have been modernised but the basic doctrines, as taught today, are as they were fifty and a hundred years ago. The sermons, as printed, the editorials, as written, bear witness of this fact.

This is as it should be. The Gospel code of admittance into Christ's Church and the code of perfection are the same as taught to Father Adam almost 6,000 years ago. All our written records bear witness that the same principles of the Gospel, as we know them, have existed from the beginning as the means of bringing all the children of men, in all ages, back into the presence of God, crowned with immortality and eternal life.

The recent discovery and translation of the "Dead Sea Scrolls" gives new evidence, startling to a decadent Christian world, that years before Christ the Essenes sect possessed terminology and practice that have always been considered uniquely Christian, i.e. baptism, sacrament of bread and wine, redemption, immortality of the soul. These eternal truths do not change with time nor are they to be interpreted to suit the whims of men.

Thus, those who labour in the vineyard today are fellow missionaries with a host of the faithful who have declared the same message of eternal truth since the days of our first parents and intermittently down through the ages to the present time. Of its truth and saving power we are witnesses.

As we teach the Restored Gospel in this day we are assured that it is a prelude to the second coming of the Saviour, to stand at the head of His Church and Kingdom—an event looked forward to from the beginning.

"Wherefore the voice of the Lord is unto the ends of the earth that all that will hear may hear; Prepare ye, prepare ye for that which is to come, for the Lord is nigh." (Doctrine and Covenants 1: 11-12.)

So every member of the Church should be a missionary, with full realisation of the sacredness and responsibility of fellowship in the Church of Jesus Christ.

C. G. M. K.

# **EVERY MEMBER**

## **A MISSIONARY**

**ELDER SPENCER W. KIMBALL**

*Quorum of the Twelve*

*Elder Spencer W. Kimball, of The Quorum of the Twelve, toured the British Mission last year at this time. Elder Kimball's grandfather, Heber C. Kimball, opened this mission, as the first foreign mission, in May 1837.*

**W**HAT a glorious privilege is missionary work! There comes from it knowledge, testimony, power, culture understanding, love, forgiveness and salvation.

We learn to do by doing. If we study the Gospel to teach it we have acquired knowledge, for where we carry the lantern to light the path of others we light our own way. As we analyse and arrange the scriptures to present an acceptable lesson to others, we have clarified our own minds. As we explain that which we already know there seems to come to us an unfolding of additional truths, and enlargement of our understandings, new connections and applications.

Early in the work of the Prophet Joseph, the Whitmer brothers, Peter Jr., John and David, became zealous friends and assistants in the work. They were soon to become members through baptism and all three to be recorded witnesses of the plates of the Book of Mormon.

After much praying and importuning of the Lord as to what contribution they could make to this new work of Restoration, Peter and John came to the young prophet and implored him to inquire of the Lord. Their query was how they could help in that glorious programme which was now taking such firm hold of their minds and spirits. And the answer came from the Lord to them through the Prophet Joseph who used for that purpose the Urim and Thummim.

They had come to realise already what the Prophet said:

“After all has been said, the greatest and most important duty is to preach the gospel.” (1).

And now the specific revelations to them made it even clearer:

“I will tell you that which no man knoweth save me and thee alone—For many times you have desired of me to know that which would be of the MOST WORTH unto YOU.

Behold, blest are you for this thing, and for speaking my words which I have given you according to my commandments. And

now, behold, I say unto you, that the thing which will be of the MOST WORTH unto YOU will be to declare repentance unto this people, that you may BRING SOULS UNTO ME, that you MAY rest with them in the kingdom of my Father, Amen." (2.) (D. & C. 15, 16.)

Here are several elements which the missionary should not forget:

1. The Lord will answer prayers which are worthy, appropriate and persistent.
2. The MOST WORTH WHILE THING is the Gospel.
3. The thing most worthwhile to YOU the missionary, the testator, the witness, is to preach the Gospel. Inestimable value comes to the one who is taught, but it is true that the greatest good which can come to the missionary is to preach the gospel, to declare repentance to the people.
4. The greatest promise to the missionary is REST. This is not a relaxation from effort, a lounging about. This REST is exaltation in the Kingdom of the Father which is the last word in glory and exaltation and blessing. One of the best ways then for a missionary to assure himself that he may some day be exalted in the celestial world is to bring souls unto Christ.

If the activity of most worth to the Whitmer brothers was to bring souls unto Christ, then the same is true of every soul. The Lord made it that clear also in the 18th Section of the Doctrine and Covenants when still talking about missionary work He said:

"How great is your joy in the soul that repenteth. Wherefore, you are called to cry repentance unto this people. And if it so be that you should labour all your days in crying repentance unto this people and bring, save it be one soul unto me, how great shall be your joy *with him in the kingdom of my Father.*

And now, if your joy will be great with one soul that you have brought *unto me into the kingdom of my father*, how great will be your joy if you *bring many souls unto me!*" (3). (D. & C. 18:13-16.)

The great Apostle Peter was told by his Lord:

"When thou art converted; strengthen thy brethren." (4).

The missionary should also remember that though his formal call to proselyting is a two or three year call, yet he is to be a missionary by example and teaching all the rest of his life.

Brigham Young said at one time:

"There is neither man or woman in this Church, who is not on a mission. That mission will last as long as they live, and it is to do good, to promote righteousness, to teach the principles of truth and to prevail upon themselves and everybody around them to live those principles that they may have eternal life." (5).

And in the 88th Section of the Doctrine and Covenants we have the statement :

“ Behold I sent you out to testify and warn the people; and it becometh every man who hath been warned to warn his neighbour.” (6). (D. & C. 88:81).

Now another great blessing comes to those who valiantly call to repentance in proselyting: It is the blessing of forgiveness. It is needless to say that this is something all need, for we all have sins of omission or sins of commission both major and minor and the Lord has promised :

“ Nevertheless, ye are blessed, for the testimony which he has borne is recorded in heaven for the angels to look upon; and they rejoice over you, and your sins are forgiven you.” (7). (D. & C. 62:3).

How glorious to realise that three great blessings come from one operation. First we save a soul, second our own sins are forgiven us and third we may go to REST in the Father’s kingdom with our proselytes, this all conditional upon repentance, of course which includes the living of the principles of the gospel.

James gave us also this compelling thought in the last two verses of his epistle :

Brethren, if any of you do err from the truth, and one convert him; Let him know that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his ways shall save a soul from death and shall hide a multitude of sins.” (8). (James 5:19-20).

And the Lord told us again in modern revelations that He would forgive our sins :

“ For I will forgive you of your sins with this commandment—that you remain steadfast in your minds in solemnity and the spirit of prayer, in bearing testimony to all the world of those things which are communicated unto you.” (D. & C. 84: 61 (9)).

Therefore, it is expedient that missionaries go to with all their hearts, minds, mights and strengths to meet as many of the proper people under the proper circumstances as possible and bring them to a knowledge of the truth. Constant effort should be made to reduce the fringe items of activity and press into consecrated fruitful hours that time saved from the less essential things.

And now if missionaries will refrain from counting months and days and will zealously begin to count opportunities and move forward to see that every possible soul is fully warned and hears that powerful testimony which he has,

“ Then shall thy light break forth as the morning, and thine health shall spring forth speedily, and thy righteousness shall go before thee; the glory of the Lord shall be thy reward. Then shalt thou call, and the Lord will answer; thou shalt cry, and he shall say. Here I am . . . and the Lord shall guide thee continually . . . and thou shalt be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water, whose waters fail not.” (Isaiah 58: 6-11 (10)).

# *Missionary Work and its Blessings*

BISHOP JOSEPH L. WIRTHLIN

*Presiding Bishop*

“WHO would I be? Where would I be if it were not for the great missionary system of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints?” These are sobering and thought-provoking questions for each Latter-day Saint to ask himself.

More than likely I would have been an entirely different person, living, who knows where, except for the gospel, which brought together my paternal grandparents in Switzerland and my maternal grandparents in England, whose emigration to America made possible the union of my father and mother who met and married in Utah.

This question includes my wife, whose mother heard and responded to the gospel through missionaries in Norway. She emigrated to America where she met and married her American-born husband. Except for missionaries and the gospel, that faithful man and woman, who became the parents of my wife, would, in all probability, never have known each other! Therefore, my wife would be an entirely different person. Who would she be? Where would she be? Who knows?

The question may appropriately be extended to one's children and to their children to the latest generation.

But, enough of trying to resolve the impossible. Now for some facts and some happy reflections upon their attendant blessings.

My grandfather and grandmother Wirthlin were among the very first to recognise the voice of the Master and to be baptized into the Church in this dispensation through the teachings of the gospel by humble missionaries in Switzerland. They were loyal to the ideals, doctrines, and standards of the Church. They left their native country and settled with the saints “far away in the West”.

To their new country they brought the thrift and industry which characterised the Swiss. They were honest and frugal. They assisted in taming the desert and helped to make it blossom. The entire family was in the midst of the growing empire, working, worshipping and praying together, because the missionaries had preached the gospel to them and they had accepted the truth in their native land across the sea.

My father, rugged and stout-hearted from his youth, seemed always able to handle difficult problems which required ability and knowledge beyond his years. My earliest memories of him were his impressive lessons in honesty and fair dealing with every one. To my knowledge, he never tolerated dishonesty in his own life and disliked it in others in any form.

With a will to do for others that which was done for our progenitors, we their descendants have sought, and now seek, to bring the same tidings of great joy to those who

may be seeking after truth. I filled a mission in Germany, and two sons have already filled missions in Switzerland. My third son, Elder David B. Wirthlin, is in Switzerland now, searching for those who long for the gospel of the Lord, Jesus Christ. Thus have the tiny seeds sown by missionaries in Switzerland more than a century ago brought their harvest of blessings and continue to reproduce after their kind to the present time.

My maternal grandfather joined the Church in England in 1851. He had prayed for the truth on numerous occasions. One Saturday night he was especially fervent in his appeal to the Lord for guidance. During the night he dreamed of walking down a familiar street in his home town and, upon coming to a small unpretentious building, saw and heard two men preaching. The next morning he arose determined to test that which he had dreamed the night before—it seemed so real. He walked down the street and finally came to the small building which he immediately recognised. He entered timidly, but confidently, and found two "Mormon" Elders preaching the gospel exactly as he had seen and heard them in his dream the night before. His prayers were answered: His heart was full of joy: He had found the truth.

Grandfather John Blakely Hillstead joined the Church July 7, 1850. He married Charlotte Gray, January 15, 1851, and four months later was called to fill a mission for the Church in his native England. He travelled without purse or scrip. His young bride worked and supported herself at home, leaving him free of worry while he preached the restored gospel to his fellow countrymen.

Following his return, the Hillstead abode was "home" to the missionaries for more than six years and, intermittently, during the remaining years of their stay in England.

Grandfather and grandmother Hillstead left their beloved England for America with their ten children, June 20, 1871. Emma Hillstead, my mother, was only four years old when the family undertook their long journey into the wilderness of western America.

Their lives in America were spent in helping to bring the wastelands of the west under cultivation. Their hardships and trials were not a few. They tore away the sagebrush and cleared the land for planting. They built canals and then prayed mightily that God would fill them with water to quench the thirst of their arid but fertile lands. They dug wells for drinking water. They helped their neighbours and were helped by their neighbours. It was one for all and all for one in those early pioneer days. Brawn and faith in God, with an abiding testimony of the divinity of this latter-day work, made of their journey through life, not a burden of frontier hardships, but an invitation to God's eternal home. Reared under these conditions gave to my mother a depth of soul, a sublime faith, and an indomitable will for righteousness. The Master's words always fell on her ears to lift her soul and to make her burdens light. She said little but lived great. The rigours of pioneer life were the easier because she knew that at the trail's end would come her joy which would endure for ever.

Thus did the missionaries of long ago, in this dispensation, sow the seeds of the restored gospel which



changed the course of many lives and brought about my heritage that cast my lot with the saints of God. Timeless joy will ever spark my prayers of gratitude for the circumstances which combined to bring me into this world under holy covenants, an heir, with all the righteous saints everywhere, to the promises made to our fathers Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

That which is written here, could be written with variations, of tens of thousands of Latter-day Saints the world over. It is wonderful to contemplate.

It is scarcely possible for a missionary to really know the bounty of the harvest from the seeds of righteousness which he sows in the hearts of men. He can never know, short of eternity, the full effects of his labours, his words, and of his example, because the harvest is extended by the Lord to reach into the eternal worlds, indeed, to continue without end, for ever and for ever.

It is my hope, since my three sons and I have taken the gospel message to Germany and to Switzerland,

that some of my grandchildren may be able to go to England with the message of truth, if it please the Lord, thus continuing to spread "the gospel net" which happily caught within its blessed embrace, my grandparents for whom I am so grateful.

Gratitude for my grandparents is one thing—but gratitude to the Almighty for the glorious missionary system of the Church and its uncounted blessings is constantly in my heart as this humble message is sent as a greeting to the saints of God everywhere, and to missionaries who labour faithfully in the vineyard of the Lord.

Let us ever remember, and never forget, that who we are, where we are, and that all we are and have, are the unmistakable results and blessings of the precious gospel plan of the Lord Jesus Christ and of the efforts of faithful missionaries who have laboured, and who still labour, to bring men to Christ "who is the life and the light of the world (our) Redeemer (our) Lord and (our) God." (Doc. & Cov. 10:70.)

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## ***M.I.A. Playwriting Competition***

The M.I.A. is currently sponsoring its third annual M.I.A. Playwriting competition. This contest will close September 30th, 1956, but the new contest will begin immediately. The closing date for the 1957 competition will be September 30th, 1957. We hope you will write, and if your entry does not make the current competition, it will be eligible for the following year. We would appreciate hearing from any in the mission field who are interested in writing and we will give your entries most careful consideration in any of the categories in which a play might be entered.

For full details, write us at:

The Joint Drama Committee, Mutual Improvement Associations,  
47 East South Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah, U.S.A.

Sincerely yours,

*The Joint Drama Committee*

# **Aspects of Missionary Work**

ELDER DAVID F. HART

**P**AUSE a moment and contemplate a phase of our religious life and activity that needs development and expansion, that is, missionary work. Consider that work to be the individual concern of each member of the church, and that scriptural mandates, though they be addressed to those especially appointed, as applying with equal effect to all members of the church. With prayerful heart and ambitious determination, let each and all, appreciate the need, learn fully the message, recognise the duty, and accomplish the deed.

*Situation:* God, in His goodness, has revealed the plan of life and the object and purpose of mortality, at intervals, throughout the period of man's existence on this earth. The membership of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints know of that plan and that purpose and has the formula, or the Gospel, by which the plan can be perfected and the purpose realised. The membership of the Church is only a small segment of humanity. We have what all humanity needs. There are people even in the Church who are weak and floundering and require help: there are groups that have ideas of God and of Christ and of the Holy Ghost who are misguided; there are those, as of yore, who are wandering—yes, running to and fro seeking the word of the Lord and

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not finding it; there are those who are stubborn and thoughtless, seemingly content with temporal activity, who need alighted within them the spark of inquiry and a yearning for explanation. Judgment day is nearing and there is much to be done. Every member of the Church can help.

*Obligation:* The Church authorities are tireless in their efforts to spread the gospel. We have an ambitious and vigorous missionary system and programme where many members are appointed and endowed especially, to go into all parts of the world to preach, teach and organise. All that is not enough, seemingly, to fulfil all needs. Recognise then, that all members of the Church have individual duty and obligation to do missionary work. Consider applicable references in scripture: "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature"; (Mark 16: 15) "And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come" (Matt. 24:14); "how then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher?" (Rom. 10: 14); "... for necessity is laid upon me; yea, woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel"

(1 Cor. 9:16); "Behold, I sent you out to testify and warn the people, and it becometh every man who hath been warned to warn his neighbour" (Doc. and Cov. 88:81). Aside from scriptural mandates, we should want to give fully and freely of our own knowledge and goodness to our fellow men not so blessed. Our individual capacities and opportunities to do missionary work are varied, but that does not lessen our obligation.

*Information:* Good missionary work suggests an informed emissary. To impress others we must know "whereof we speak". Study and search of the recorded experiences of man in the past, mental assembly of facts learned of in our own experience, essential mental accumulation of historical facts, teachings, precepts and commandments contained in the scriptures; orderly conception of "things as they were, as they are now, and as they are to come"; a learning of truth from all sources, are all necessary. The importance of being well informed is given recognition in the scriptures: "... yea, seek ye out of the best books words of wisdom: seek learning, even by study and also by faith." (Doc. and Cov. 88:118); "... treasure up in your minds continually the words of life, and it shall be given in the very hour that portion that shall be meted unto every man" (Doc. and Cov. 84:85). A knowledge and understanding of the Gospel is not, ordinarily, easily acquired, but is attainable through methodical study, endless search, prayerful attention. Mental chaos must be reduced to orderliness. Validate the truthfulness of learning by inspirational confirmation, even as in the days of Moroni who has recorded

in effect that the spirit of Christ is given to every man that he may know good from evil, and the way to judge between good and evil is that everything, which inviteth to do good, and to persuade to believe in Christ, is sent forth by the power and gift of Christ, so we may know with a perfect knowledge it is of God. (Moroni 7:16); we are exhorted to ask God, in the name of Christ, if certain things are true, and, if asked in sincerity with earnest intent and faith, Christ will manifest the truth of such by the power of the Holy Ghost (Moroni 10: 4 & 5). Known truth is easier to teach than confused concept. Consider now the methods of performing missionary work:

*Promulgation:* This means to publish, make known, disseminate and spread the Plan of Salvation, the definition of its purpose and the principles of the Gospel as the formula by which to achieve. As time goes on more and more mediums for promulgation are developed. Take advantage of: the printing press; all that photography, television and other visual aids can display to sight; all that oral conversation, radio broadcasting, recordings and sound transmittals, congregational meetings and assemblies can make available to hear. Be mindful of what the Lord has said about this method of Missionary Work: "The Gospel must first be published among all nations." (St. Mark 13:10). "Write the vision, and make it plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it." (Hab. 2:2). The church authorities have, and will, carry on this type of Missionary Work, in their chosen and methodical manner. Nevertheless, individuals in small ways, can also promulgate,

through various mediums available, the truths known.

*Exhortation:* Here now consider the missionary method of inciting others to follow the paths of righteousness toward eternal life. There is a multitude of ways in which this is done, and through numerous mediums. Many are the scriptural mandates to exhort, reprove, admonish, teach, testify, warn, condemn and upbraid. Read again some of those references: "Behold, I send you out to reprove the world of all their unrighteous deeds and to teach them of a judgment which is to come" (Doc. and Cov. 84:87); "And speak freely to all; yea, preach, exhort, declare the truth, even with a loud voice with a sound of rejoicing, crying—Hosanna, hosanna, blessed be the name of the Lord God!" (Doc. and Cov. 19:37). The vigorous approach so declared, may in proper times and places be augmented by worthy debate, sound argument, logical reasoning, and forthright assertion. These approaches may not always constitute the required appeal. Careless use of such may become offensive to the point of creating complete rebellion. Make the vigorous approach intense but dignified. As against the more vigorous approaches, there are others which in some times and places, are more befitting. Again the scriptures sayeth: "And let your preaching be the warning voice, every man to his neighbour, in mildness and in meekness" (Doc. and Cov. 38:41); "And the Servant of the Lord must not strive, but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient. In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves. (2 Tim. 2: 24-25). It is advocated that all read

carefully again the fourth chapter of Ephesians, and as to the present subject, observe that every man speak the truth with his neighbour, for we are numbers one of another; let no corrupt communication proceed out of mouth, but only that which is good to the use of edifying, and that it may minister grace unto the hearers. There are times and occasions when the better approach is: to comfort, not frighten; to convince, not cajole; to lead, not coerce. Exhortation is a powerful method.

*Exemplification:* By this is meant the Missionary Work that can be done in, and among, personal societies where the influence of a good life and righteous conduct can be felt by others, and thus incite others to know, and live the gospel. Heed again the words of scripture "Denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we shall live soberly, righteously, and Godly, in this present world" (Titus 2: 12); "The Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel" (1 Cor. 9:14); "Let him labour, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth" (Eph. 4:28). The extent to which a good life inspires others to live likewise is undeterminable. Let no one assume for one moment, however, that good living and conduct does not influence others toward their better living. Proceed on the theory that this means of inciting interest of others in the Gospel is one of the most vital and important phases of Missionary Work.

*Remuneration:* The most extensive missionary activity will not generally or directly result in any monetary benefit or temporal ad-

vantage. It may even be a drain on earthly resources, but the spiritual and emotional advantages are many and great. "For though I preach the Gospel, I have nothing to glory of" (1 Cor. 9:16). Yet recompense there is: "How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!" (Rom. 10:15). Know then that the work is honourable. Peace of mind and thrill of accomplishment comes from performing duties and obligations. Emotional satisfaction results from a well-done task. Association with our fellow men is enjoyed. Growth in spiritual stature and achievement continues. The grace to thank God for His bless-

ings increases. Remuneration then: A fuller and richer life for the missionary.

*Determination:* To continually increase individual efforts, within the capacities existing, in promotion of the missionary phase of our religious life. Determine to do these things: Fully appreciate what we have; ascertain our duties and responsibilities; conceive our power to do good; be astute mentally; be prayerful in soul; be energetic in activities; be faithful in fulfilling obligations; be mindful of the needs of our fellowmen—all to the end that humanity at large will know the word of the Lord, obey the Gospel, and achieve Eternal Life.

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## KEEP THE SABBATH HOLY

President A. I. Holton

*Doncaster Branch*

LATTER-DAY Saints are often described as "different." In this we should rejoice, for we should *not* be of the world. How grand it would be if we could also become known as "different" because we really *revere* the Sabbath.

The Lord has stated His *commandment* respecting this from the first dispensation to the last. Did He not say "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labour, and do *all* thy work: But the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger

that is within thy gates" (Exodus 20:8-10). Notice that the Lord, in the days when, because of the type of civilisation existing it was reasonable, expressly stated "thou shalt not do any work." In addition, He placed this responsibility on the head of the house in respect of everyone in the house.

The Lord Himself obeyed this commandment and even when feeding His people with manna He did not feed them on the Sabbath, but the people had to gather sufficient on the day before or go hungry. Yet on the other days He would not allow them to gather enough for two days supply. Our Saviour stressed the need of a Sabbath when He said "The Sab-

bath was made for man and not man for the Sabbath”, thereby showing that this was a God-given institution.

In these latter days the Lord has stated “And the inhabitants of Zion shall also observe the Sabbath day to keep it holy” (D. & C. 68: 29), together with His instructions as to how this can be done—“Wherefore I give unto them a *commandment*—And that thou mayest more fully keep thyself unspotted from the world, thou shalt go to the house of prayer and offer up thy sacraments upon my holy day; For verily this is a day appointed unto you to rest from your labours, and to pay thy devotions unto the Most High; Nevertheless thy vows shall be offered up in righteousness on all days and at all times; But remember that on this day, the Lord’s day, thou shalt offer thine oblations and thy sacraments unto the Most High, confessing thy sins unto thy brethren, and before the Lord. And on this day thou shalt do none other thing, only let thy food be prepared with singleness of heart that thy fasting may be perfect, or, in other words, that thy joy may be full.” (D. & C. 59: 9-13).

This, the Sabbath, is the day when we should “spiritually” partake sufficient to last out the next six days. Not that we should be apart from spirituality on these days, but we do have to be among the world on those days and it is much easier to fall. Brigham Young expresses this very well when he said “The Lord has planted within us a divinity; and that divine immortal spirit requires to be fed. Will earthly food answer for that purpose? No; it will only keep this body alive as long as the spirit

stays with it, which gives an opportunity of doing good. That divinity within us needs food from the Fountain from which it emanated. It is not of the earth, earthy, but is from heaven. Principles of eternal life, of God and godliness, will alone feed the immortal capacity of man and give true satisfaction”.

Truly, also, Brigham Young expresses the real importance of the Sabbath when he says “The Lord has directed His people to rest one-seventh part of the time, and we take the first day of the week, and call it our Sabbath. This is according to the order of the Christians. We should observe this for our own temporal good and spiritual welfare. *When we see a farmer in such a hurry, that he has to attend to his harvest, and to haying, fence-making, or to gathering his cattle on the Sabbath day, as far as I am concerned, I count him weak in the faith. He has lost the spirit of his religion, more or less.* Six days are enough for us to work, and if we wish to play, *play within the six days; if we wish to go on excursions, take one of those six days, but on the seventh day, come to the place of worship, attend to the Sacrament, confess your faults one to another and to God, and pay attention to the ordinances of the house of God”.*

To further express the importance we have another of Brigham Young’s experiences. “I said yesterday to a Bishop who was mending a breach in the canal, and expressed a wish to continue his labour on the following Sabbath, as his wheat was burning up, *let it burn, when the time comes that is set apart for worship, go up and worship the Lord.”*

However, the Lord has not issued

a list of what can and what cannot be done on the Sabbath. What He has said is "For behold, it is not meet that I should command in all things; for he that is compelled in all things, the same is a slothful and not a wise servant; wherefore he receiveth no reward", and "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy". All saints have to decide for themselves, but as they kneel to

close the Sabbath day with prayer, they should be able to say to the Lord "Thank you Lord for the Sabbath day and with Thy help may I always remember to keep it holy, doing nothing on this day contrary to Thy desire". When this day dawns, we shall be known as a "different" people, for it will be obvious to all that the difference is God-like.

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## *Menace to Mankind*

**PRESIDENT HAROLD JACKLIN**

*District President — Nottingham District*

*"O that cunning plan of the evil one! O the vainness and the frailties, and the foolishness of men!" (2 Nephi 9:28)*

**S**INCE the advent of man upon this earth to continue his state of progression, the cunning plan of the evil one has become more insidious. His wish is to divert God's creations from the art of wholesome living. For he desires them also to be miserable like unto himself.

One of the most effective poisons he has is to prey upon the mind of an individual. Planting there seeds which lead a person to lose confidence in himself, to think there is no place in society for him, with no one to care for him and his loss of self-respect. These are a few conditions which drive a man to drink.

Alcohol is like an abscess. It starts small with relatively little pain. But grows until it consumes the whole of the body. Alcohol is the worst detriment to mankind. It has sold more men down the drain than it has bought to fortune.

The seriousness of its effects are not confined only to the participant. Like the careless driver who has no respect for the other traveller. When an accident occurs through his neglect it is not only himself involved but the property, money and lives of others are lost. The alcoholic effects are felt by the individual's family, friends, relations and community. For a person to step down into the underworld of alcohol is certainly contrary to the avowed purpose of man.

Often quoted by the alcohol participant is the expression—"I'm drowning my sorrows." Sorrow and setbacks are inevitable to everyone. They have never been washed away by drinking. The first impulse of some individuals after disagreement with wife, friend or loved one is to "hit the bottle." Is this the way to conquer problems? The only plausible answer is for the persons to sit down to-

gether, talk things over with the issue of compromise prevalent. Then continuing to work as a team. There never has or never will be a championship team that is divided or with one or two of its members not pulling together.

Laws of the land are given as a blessing for the protection of its people. The health laws of God, when violated, are costly both spiritually and temporally. The time and money spent on alcohol and its associates are eternally lost. No apparent gains or benefits are derived from it; only withering decay and death. The effect of indulging in its practice may give a momentary relief. However, when the drug has worn off the person's condition becomes worse. The result of which leads from one drink to another.

Drinking for the purpose of having a good time is another pet seed planted by the Evil One. A person under the influence of alcohol suffers the loss of his ability to comprehend and his sense of reason.

Could a person in this condition even understand whether he or she is having a good time? Is the suffering of the morning after a night of supposed fun accompanied with alcohol the reward you desire every time you go out? To have a night out full of fun, do so without alcohol. Then you will find real joy and happiness. In a state of mind which you can know that you are enjoying yourself.

To those who embrace the beliefs, doctrines and practices of the Latter-day Saint faith, stand true to the laws of health given by divine revelation. And to those of the world, regardless of faith or creed, to ensure lasting happiness and harmony in the family circle, community and world, keep yourself free from the plague of alcohol and its associates. The final results from indulgence are far too costly for anyone to afford. Alcohol is not good for man. Total abstinence from its practice are sure factors leading to the art of wholesome living and success.

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## **MEMBER MISSIONARIES**

**ELDER ROLFE KERR**

*Scottish District*

**W**HAT are my responsibilities after baptism? This is a question that all members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints should ask themselves. Naturally we all have many responsibilities in living the teachings of the Gospel, but one of our greatest callings as members is to be "member missionaries" from our baptism throughout the rest of our days. This responsibility is expressed quite explicitly in The Doctrine

and Covenants 88:81-82: "Behold, I sent you out to testify and warn the people, and it becometh every man who hath been warned to warn his neighbour. Therefore, they are left without excuse, and their sins are upon their own heads."

Now in fulfilling this great responsibility the member in turn fulfils one of the greatest needs of the new missionary labouring in the mission field. With only few exceptions we missionaries



come into the field very green. We have a testimony as to the truthfulness of the Gospel, but our working knowledge of it is very small. We are truly the weak things of the world coming forth to break down the mighty and strong ones. As a result of this we need the help of each and every member in the church. As missionaries we go out speaking at street meetings and struggling through long hours of tracting to find that truly honest in heart family that we are looking for. They very graciously and patiently struggle through a few cottage meetings with us. At this point we new missionaries probably haven't proven anything to them; but they often seem to be touched by our sincere testimonies, which is our best tool. Soon they decide that they would like to attend one of our meetings to see just what it is that we feel so strongly about. This is where the members' responsibility to "warn" then begins. There is nothing that can compare to that loving handshake and introduction offered to them as soon as they come in the door and the rich kindness shown to them by all throughout the day.

As members we must each show forth our love for the Gospel continually. Happiness and love are almost invariably contagious to the people around us. So by being shining examples of the love that the Gospel portrays, you can be more effective missionaries than those of us who work with the investigator all the way through the Gospel Plan.

Recently I saw a very fine example of "member missionaries" in a branch. The branch at the present time is one of the fastest

growing branches in the British Mission. The full-time missionaries are no different than any of the others, but they have the full support of every branch member. The branch seems to have caught a testimony of being "member missionaries." The investigators are made to feel as one of the group almost as soon as they step into the building, but it doesn't stop there. They are invited out to branch parties and dances, and also the parties of small groups of the members in the area. There is one fine member who lovingly puts his arm around the investigator and tries to help them solve any of their problems, such as: Word of Wisdom, Tithing, or whatever it may be. All in all it adds up to the fact that the investigator can see the joy and love that comes with the Gospel.

There is example after example in the Book of Mormon that tells of how the people caught this "member missionary" testimony: Zeezrom was baptized and from that time forth begin to preach unto the people;<sup>1</sup> after the Lamanites were being converted they strived with unwearied diligence that they may bring the remainder of their brethren to a knowledge of the truth.<sup>2</sup> Whether we are full time missionaries or "member missionaries" we can each share in that "incomprehensible joy" of missionary work that the sons of Mosiah talked about.

My brothers and sisters, it is our responsibility to warn our neighbour as soon as we have been warned—or in other words by being living examples of the Gospel teachings and by actual contact with the investigators we must all be "Member Missionaries". Yes, we young missionaries truly need your help.

<sup>1</sup> Alma 15:12-13. <sup>2</sup> Helamen 15:6.



**Elder  
Adam S. Bennion**

*Elder Adam S. Bennion, of the Quorum of the Twelve, has been assigned by the First Presidency to tour the European Missions. In accordance with this plan, Elder Bennion will tour the British Mission from August 4th, 1956 to September 9th, 1956.*

*Elder Bennion is known throughout the United States for his achievements in education, business, public speaking and civic work. Elder Bennion has served the Church in several capacities, especially in the educational field. He was superintendent of Church schools, and a member of the Sunday School Board from 1915, until he was called to the Quorum. Elder Bennion has written several volumes on teaching and religious themes, including one of the Sunday School teacher training texts, Principles of Teaching.*

*He was called to the Quorum of the Twelve, and sustained a member on April 6th, 1953. He was ordained by President David O. McKay.*

# **ELDER ADAM S. BENNION'S TOUR AND CONFERENCE SCHEDULE**

In order to give more of the saints an opportunity to hear Elder Adam S. Bennion, the Mission Presidency is issuing this revised District Conference schedule, which is harmonised with Elder Bennion's tour.

- August 4th to 5th - Irish District Conference with Elder Bennion.
- August 8th to 9th - Elder Bennion will be in the Welsh District.
- August 11th to 12th - Bristol District Conference with Elder Bennion.
- August 14th to 15th - Elder Bennion will be in the Birmingham District.
- August 18th to 19th - London District and Servicemen's Conference with Elder Bennion.
- August 21st to 22nd - Elder Bennion will be in the Norwich District.
- August 23rd to 24th - Elder Bennion will be in the Nottingham District.
- August 25th to 26th - Combined Manchester District and Liverpool District Conferences with Elder Bennion.
- August 27th to 28th - Elder Bennion will be in the Sheffield District.
- August 29th to 30th - Elder Bennion will be in the Hull District.
- September 1st to 2nd - Leeds District Conference with Elder Bennion.
- September 3rd to 4th - Elder Bennion will be in the Newcastle District.
- September 8th to 9th - Scottish District Conference with Elder Bennion.

This will complete Elder Bennion's tour.

The balance of the District Conferences will be held as follows :

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| Norwich District :      | Newcastle District :  |
| September 15th to 16th  | October 13th to 14th. |
| Sheffield District :    | Nottingham District : |
| September 22nd to 23rd. | October 20th to 21st. |
| Welsh District :        | Birmingham District : |
| September 29th to 30th. | October 27th to 28th. |
| Hull District :         |                       |
| October 6th to 7th.     |                       |

# “A Warning Voice”

**PRESIDENT JOHN L. HARMER**

*2nd Counsellor, Mission Presidency*

*“And let your preaching be the warning voice, every man to his neighbour, in mildness and in meekness.” D. & C. 38:41.*

**A**N Apostle of the Lord has promised us that the day will come when there will be wards and stakes here in Great Britain. That day can only come when the greatest missionary force present, the members themselves, take upon them fully the responsibility of warning their neighbours. The day will one day come when all members of the church will be called upon to stand and teach, to aid those around us to understand what the world will then know to be true, “when every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God”. Will we be prepared? I hope so, but I fear that lest we work hard, the Lord may bring His work to a close before we are ready to do much to help Him. Let us remember the parable of the Ten Virgins. It does not concern the world, but the members of the church only. Each of the virgins had her lamp, as each of us has his baptism into the church. Only half of the virgins had trimmed their lamps and filled them with oil, and at present, even less than half of us, the members of the church, have continued after our baptism to search the scriptures, and take from them the oil that will light our path, that we may be prepared to greet the Bridegroom when he comes. This is a serious

matter, for the foolish virgins, those who had forgotten to fill their lamps with the oil of the scriptures, with the true light that comes from giving the gospel to others, these virgins did not enter into the marriage feast. Can the blind lead the blind? Can we hope to be able to lead those around us to a knowledge of the truth unless our lamps burn brightly with the use of the oil we find by reading the scriptures, living the gospel, and emulating that spirit of truth that has been poured out upon us. The choice is before us, for we have been given the lamp of baptism, and the way is open for us to “let our light so shine before men . . .”

Who is to perform this mission? Do you have to be especially called before you can do missionary work? I don't think so. Consider the many admonitions of the Saviour to His followers, wherein he exhorts them to live His gospel and to share it with others, that they “seeing your good works, may glorify your Father which is in Heaven”. The admonition of Paul to Timothy stands as a universal call to all faithful members of the church to do missionary work, when he said, “but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity”. Here then lies the answer to who should be a missionary. Every faithful Latter-day Saint who has a testimony of the gospel of Christ! Some of us are set apart with special missionary callings, but all of us stand

before the world today to testify of the greatest message since the resurrection of Christ—the restoration of His gospel.

Unfortunately many of us fail to realise that with the covenant we make at baptism to “serve God until we are dead as to the mortal body” (Mosiah 18:13), comes the responsibility to carry to those around us the message that has given our lives so much. This doesn't mean that every member must go knocking on doors, or holding street meetings, although they are welcome to participate with the full-time missionaries in this activity. Instead, the individual member every day comes into contact with people that the full time missionary may never meet. Your office manager, the next-door neighbour, the grocery boy, the postman, the milkman, everyone and anyone who stands in your presence is a potential Latter-day Saint. All of us are members of the church, with testimonies of the gospel and the gift of the Holy Ghost, have the necessary tools to bring those people into the gospel.

First of all, remember the admonition of the Lord in calling us all to this work, to do so, “in mildness and in meekness”. Even though I have been engaged in missionary work only a short time, I have been blessed by the Lord with having one vital factor impressed upon my mind. It happened in a street meeting. For weeks we had not been having any success, even though those speaking around us were able to have good-sized crowds. Then one day I was speaking and found that I was literally shedding tears of sorrow, not because no one was listening, but because for once my soul was sin-

cerely concerned over those people who would not partake of the blessings of the gospel, and of eternal life. From that time on there was no difficulty in getting people to listen, because they felt what was sincerely the desire of my heart, to give them something that would bless their lives. For any missionary, and that means every member of the church, the greatest need is to carry the spirit of the Lord, and the greatest manifestation of that spirit will be a sincere and abiding love for your fellow-man. It isn't something that can be pseudo-expressed, you either have it or you don't. If you don't, you aren't magnifying the gift of the Holy Ghost, nor fulfilling your calling as a true Latter-day Saint.

Now that we understand the spirit in which we should go about this missionary work, what specifically can we do? How many of us have invited our next-door neighbour to go to church with us? Why not? Do we hesitate because they will think us silly? We shouldn't, because I have yet to meet anyone who wouldn't respect the kindness of such an offer, even if they did have to refuse it. In almost every branch where there are full time missionaries, and in some where there aren't, we have an investigator's class in the Sunday School. Most of us have members of our family that have not as yet been able to accept the gospel, and there could be no better way to aid them, or anyone else that we could interest in the church, than through the investigator's class. The young people of the branch should be encouraged by their parent's example to bring their friends to M.I.A. or to the Primary. There are several Relief Societies in the mission that

are made up of more non-members than members, and if we remember to show much faith and patience, I'm sure that many of these good women will one day enter the waters of baptism. What a marvellous opportunity our meetings are to introduce those around us to the blessings of the gospel.

Now consider your contact with people in everyday life. There is hardly a day goes by that someone doesn't enter your home in some official capacity or another. Have you ever thought of giving the postman a tract in return for a letter, or the grocery boy a tract in return for his service, or the repair man, the census-taker, the door-to-door salesman, and every man or woman that comes to your home. Do they leave you with some ray of

light concerning the truth. Do those you work with know that a Mormon is something more than a person who doesn't drink or smoke? There are ever so many people, and ever so many ways that can be used to bless others, always remembering to do so "in mildness, and in meekness".

Someone once said that "few persons have courage enough to appear as good as they really are". Have we any more right than Paul to be ashamed of the gospel of Christ. It seems a mockery to the covenants we have made to remain silent when there are those around us who still remain in darkness. Let our lamps burn brightly, and even so, let our preaching and our lives, "be the warning voice, every man to his neighbour".

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## ***The Fruits of their Labours***

*A letter addressed to the missionaries who taught him the Gospel by a member of the Gravesend Branch.*

My very dear friends and brothers,

This letter is not dated, for to me, the news and information it contains, will be ageless and never fading in my heart.

You see, since I saw you last, I have devoted much of my time to prayer and study of the truth of the Gospel. I have read and re-read several of the publications you have loaned me—from cover to cover.

The story of "The Restored Church" has held me spellbound for many hours. Now there are few questions which I could put to you concerning the re-establishment of Christ's Church here on earth.

Like Daniel, I have learned to pray often and sincerely. I have opened up my heart to the Lord and I know that He has, and will continue to, answer my prayers.

Fervently and with utmost humility, I have offered myself daily to God as an instrument in the furtherance of His Gospel. Sinner that I am, He answered me, for twice I dreamed a beautiful dream. It was at my baptism that He really entered into me. It was as a bright light and a voice within me saying, "Go forth—gather yet more of my sheep into the fold". This was my dream and since then I have felt enlivened and happier than ever before.

I described the feeling to my wife as being one filled with a force, a power, like that which we find in a new battery. It produces an urge for me to tell all the world of the truth and contentment I have at last found in life.

Now I know where I am going, if I follow the path that the Lord has shown me. I feel that already He has given to me the power and the authority to show others the glorious way of truth—the plan of salvation.

Already I have here a number of men seeking and being told the way of truth. One is an officer who is a student of theology, one is a sergeant, two corporals and two privates. And now, by way of a chance meeting, a man who served under me in Palestine and Egypt is eager to know more. He has just come down from Cambridge University after taking his degree in English Language and Literature and now is studying for the priesthood at Chichester Theological College.

So now that you can well see that I have happiness in my heart, I can bear my testimony as to the power of prayer. For I asked of God, and it was freely given. I am knocking, and it is being opened—even to me. Joseph Smith once said, "I am a rough stone. The sound of the hammer and chisel were never heard on me until the Lord took me in hand".

This can be truly said of me for, at the age of thirty years, everything good in life is mine. The Gospel has taught me to appreciate all things, for all good things have a Divine origin.

I am happy beyond words to be a member of the Restored Church. May God give me wisdom to fill my place in it. His teachings, applied to all of us, makes the truth ring out, "Not what you are—but what you may become", in order to fill that place.

So much for my news about prayer. Now for a little on the subject of the Book of Mormon.

In reading of the Book of Mormon, I have had my eyes opened to many things. I can believe where I could never believe before. I have learned of a way to live—the only way. Here I must give my heartfelt thanks to you for entering into my home and teaching my dear wife and me of the existence of the one true Church of God.

Much could I say on the Book of Mormon, but it is sufficient to bear you my testimony of its truthfulness. When a person tells a lie he knows it, yes, he **feels** it in his heart to be a lie. Yet when I read the Book of Mormon I need not refer to any scientific discovery to prove anything—I know it to be the TRUTH—I **know** it in my heart.

Therefore, novice though I am, I should like to stand before the congregation on Sunday, March 4th, to speak of my new life. My subject will be "The Power of Prayer and the Book of Mormon". This is by way of celebration of my entry, by baptism, into the Church of Jesus Christ.

And I should like you to be the first ones to receive now, my thanks for showing me the way. You will baptize me—I shall become your brother in the sight of God. Together we will gather more sheep into this fold.

It has been a battle with Satan but the day is being won. When I was a small boy, in the choir of my local church, my favourite hymn was "Fight the Good Fight". Little did I realise then its glorious significance.

Fight the good fight with all thy might,  
Christ is thy strength and Christ thy right,  
Lay hold on life, and it shall be  
Thy joy and crown—ETERNALLY.

May God bless you for your efforts, and may the fruits of your efforts be sheep such as my wife and me, who have learned to believe and will try to live up to God's Commandments.

Yours very sincerely,

ALBERT E. OSMOTHERLY.

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## QUORUM DAY IN LONDON

*In order to encourage more activities by our combined Elders Quorums, we are printing this report of an activity of the Fifth Quorum of Elders, in London.*

LONG planned and happily anticipated, the gathering of brethren from Norwich, London and Bristol surpassed expectations on May 12th. Seventy-five Elders and Seventies from as far west as Plymouth and as far east as Lowestoft, with almost every branch in between represented, enjoyed a seven-hour programme from 3 to 10 p.m. Meant to be the first annual general meeting of the Fifth Quorum of Elders, it proved to be a kind of "hail and farewell" occasion, since, at London District Conference, on May 6th, the Elders in the London District had been organised into the "new" Fifth Quorum, while the Sixth Quorum of Elders organisation, comprising Elders in Norwich and Bristol, awaits only the sustaining vote at coming conferences in those districts.

But the feeling of comradeship, the earnest goodwill, the encouragement to new efforts demonstrated on that great day are things that will remain fresh in the memories of all who attended for years ahead. From 3 o'clock to nearly 6 the brethren were addressed by their Group Leaders and the members of the Quorum Presidencies, past and present! It was with difficulty that the conducting officer brought the meeting to a close, since so many brethren wished to bear their testimonies during the time that had been spared for that purpose. A brief moment for photographs on the lawn at Ravenslea, and the brethren were ushered to a sumptuous dinner, served by members of the South London Aaronic Priesthood group, at beautifully prepared and decorated tables. Four sisters had worked long and successfully to enable the brethren to follow the feeding of the spirit with that of the body. The meal was followed by toasts and responses in light-hearted and spirited vein, during which





*"We happy band of brothers"*



*A pause between courses*



*Rapt  
attention  
during  
meeting*

*Walter Chiles  
and  
James Hill  
in their  
comedy act*



the day's meaning was summed up in the garbled version of certain Shakespearean lines, which has been thought were worthy of record here :

This day is call'd the Feast of the Fifth Quorum:  
He that outlives this Day, and comes safe home,  
Will stand a tiptoe when this day is named,  
And rouse him at the name of Fifth Quorum.  
He that shall live this day, and see old age,  
Shall yearly on the vigil, feast his neighbours!  
And say, Today I remember Fifth Quorum Day!  
Then shall our names,  
Familiar in his mouth as household words,  
Darling the President, Perry and Packe,  
Morgan le Bates, and others well remembered,  
These names, shall roll his memory round,  
And bid him teach his sons,  
Fifth Quorum Day shall ne'er go by,  
From this day to the ending of the world,  
But we in it shall be remembered;  
We few, we happy few, we band of brothers.  
And gentlemen of England now asleep,  
Shall think themselves accused they were not here,  
Here on this happy day—Fifth Quorum Day!

So to the final scene, when brethren from all the Districts were treated to a variety show under the able direction of Elder Jeffrey Packe. Indeed a happy day!

**BRITISH MISSION**

## *Branch and District Activities*

**A**FTER almost twelve months since the Second Quorum of Edlers was fully organised it is appropriate that we review the progress we have been able to make during our first year. In devious ways, both as separate groups and as a quorum we feel that we are beginning to make our presence felt amongst the saints.

Our Presidency is holding regular meetings, although not as regularly as we would wish, and several meetings have been held with the elders of each district in the quorum with the exception of Sheffield District with whom we are finding it

difficult to fix a date when there is no other activity taking place which clashes. Several projects have been undertaken by individual groups ranging from assisting junior members of the Aaronic Priesthood to giving a helping hand to lonely members of our branches and appreciation of the work which is being done has been expressed by Branch Presidents.

We are anxious to form a Quorum Choir the nucleus of which there is no doubt is in the Leeds District as was evident by their singing at the Sheffield District Spring Conference. It was a thrill

too at this conference to meet the brethren of the Hull District and one cannot help but look forward to many other similar meetings.

To mark our first anniversary each group will be holding its own social in an effort to swell quorum funds for which purpose also several groups have levied themselves by weekly contributions. Special efforts to raise funds have also been made and at our Spring Conferences this year the brethren agreed to maintain a missionary in the field. A Missionary Fund has been opened and donations are now coming in which we know represent a real sacrifice.

This is only a humble beginning but all great works had their humble beginnings and we are constantly praying that the Lord will continue to bless us in all our endeavours. We send greetings to the members of all other Elders Quorums throughout the Mission and wish to express our love for them and indeed for all who read these lines. May we steadfastly strive to further the work of our Father in Heaven no matter in what capacity we may be called upon to serve.

### **Birmingham**

The Kidderminster Branch extends a welcome to Elder Robert Dunn and his wife, Sister Martha Dunn, who have returned to these shores on a Mission after an absence of eight years. Elder Dunn was President of the Kidderminster Branch for 28 years and has taken over the "reins" once again.

### **Hull**

Grimsby Branch held a social-cum-concert on May 17th. Much credit is due to Brother David Good who gave a wonderful conjuring performance and to Sister Mary

Adams who sang two beautiful songs.

### **Irish**

Belfast Sunday School held a social on May 5th which was heartily enjoyed by many of the Saints. The entertainment was conducted by Brother John Stewart whose outstanding ability in organisation did much to make the evening successful.

### **Leeds**

On May 21st members of the Manchester and Leeds Districts spent a very enjoyable day together. The weather was glorious so the afternoon was spent playing baseball, cricket, or just lounging. On leaving Manningham Park where the afternoon had been spent, the group went to the Bradford Chapel where refreshments were served. The evening was given over to dancing and games and everyone voted the day a great success. The Leeds Saints certainly enjoyed meeting their brethren from Manchester and would like to take this opportunity of thanking them for their friendship and support on these occasions.

Members of the Dewsbury branch worked from dawn until 5.30 p.m. Spring-cleaning the Chapel and M.I.A. room after which a "Talent Show" was held under the direction of Sisters Clegg and Crisp. Prizes were given for Music, Art, and Novelty Cooking.

### **Liverpool**

On April 28th the Priesthood of the Accrington Branch held a Potato Pie Social in aid of Welfare Funds at which many members and friends had an enjoyable time.

The Liverpool M.I.A. had an outing to Harrison Drive on Whit-Monday. Many members went

swimming whilst others had fun and games on the beach before lunch. The afternoon was spent playing baseball followed by a camp-fire, square-dancing, and a sing-song.

The Elders Quorum of the Liverpool, Manchester, and Irish Districts held a dance on May 5th at Wigan. The dance was open to the public and all who attended had a wonderful time.

The Gold and Green Ball was held at the Burnley Chapel. The theme this year was a Summer cruise aboard the s.s. M.I.A. The high-light of the evening was when Elder Bullough was "September Song" with the Melody Star Band. Everybody who attended had a very enjoyable time.

### **London**

The 5th Quorum of Elders held their first annual dinner on Saturday, May 12th, at the South London Branch. After the afternoon business meeting, some seventy-five members attended the banquet and entertainment which followed. The evening was well organised and greatly enjoyed by all.

May 5th was Primary Day at South London. A Jumble Sale was well attended by the mothers of the Primary children who were not members. The May Queen was crowned in the garden by Branch President Walter J. Chiles. The day was finished off by a fine dance in the evening. The proceeds from all this go to the Primary Fund.

The South London Branch Banquet was held on June 16th. This was a combined dinner and farewell party for the Bates family who were returning to the U.S. after three years in England, one of which Brother Bates spent as President of the London District.

Newchapel Beehive Girls along with their Beekeeper went to the Victoria Hospital, East Grinstead, on May 12th, to visit the "shut-ins". This proved very successful and especially cheered up two children one of whom was suffering from burns.

To Socials were held at Newchapel recently, one sponsored by the Relief Society and the other by the Newchapel Group of the Fifth Elders Quorum. Both these occasions were very successful and enjoyed by all who attended.

### **Manchester**

Contrary to preconceived ideas it did not rain in Manchester on Sports Day held in the Wythenshawe Park on Saturday, May 5th. The proceedings were in the charge of the M.I.A. Supervisors, Brother Harold Crookell and Sister Jean Clarke. Wythenshawe Branch gained the most points and Oldham were second.

The Relief Society held their first District Social on June 2nd under the direction of Sister Woodruff. Each Branch contributed to the programme which was an unqualified success.

Brother Peter Bailey of Wythenshawe had distinguished himself insofar as he is the Middle School Games Champion to representing Chorlton Grammar School in Javelin Throwing at the Inter-Grammar School Sports at the White City, London.

Brother and Sister Harry Bailey celebrated their Silver Wedding on May 26th by buying a new bicycle to ride down to Church.

### **Newcastle**

A Pie and Pea Supper was held at Newcastle on April 21st and all those who attended enjoyed a good

supper prepared by Sisters Hewett and Tyson. Sister Selkirk entertained afterwards as "Coco the Clown".

Sunderland Branch members and their friends participated in a "Backwards" party in aid of the Budget Fund. Everything was done backwards which caused a great deal of laughter. Sister Jane Wilson and Val Cuthbertson were in charge of the arrangements and a truly joyful spirit was manifest.

The M.I.A. sponsored a surprise party for President F. W. Oates who celebrated his fiftieth birthday on May 9th. There were plenty of good things to eat, including an enormous birthday cake. Games were played under the direction of Sisters G. Quayle and J. Wilson and everybody enjoyed the festive occasion.

President F. W. Oates addressed the "Good Templars" on April 30th and took as his subject "The necessity of religion in the world today". Sister Quayle sang two solos. Several gospel conversations resulted from this meeting and the missionaries have been invited to discuss the gospel in the homes of some of these people.

Newcastle Branch held a social on May 25th under the title of "Ham and Ham Night". The "Ham"let was under the auspices of the Branch Drama Group led by Brother Ernest Hewitt and Sister Maud Tyson. Brother Hewitt recited the soliloquy from "Henry V" and a scene from "Macbeth" was presented by Brother Ernest Cooper and Sisters Maud Tyson and Grace Cooper. Some of the brothers caused great hilarity by miming the record "Sisters" and the grand finale was a waxworks show with working models of

famous film stars. This was all great fun and the evening was rounded off with hamburgers and "pop" supplied most deliciously by "Senor Luiege Eliasoni"—alias District President Eliason.

### **Norwich**

Peterborough Branch celebrated the completion of their amusement-room on May 19th by holding the "Gold and Green Ball" there. The highlight of the evening was the installation of May Queen Delia Williams. Jacqueline Saville performed a delightful floor dance at the end of which she presented the Queen with a bouquet of lilies of the valley. Elder Jeppson injected a little Western spirit into the festivities by playing songs on his harmonica. The affair was capably engineered by Brother and Sister Vern Fritz and Brother David Manning.

The Southend and Chelmsford Branches held a Relief Society Rummage Sale on June 2nd. Part of the proceeds were given to the Buidling Fund and the rest went to Relief Society Funds.

A "Bring and Buy" Sale was held in the Lowestoft Chapel on May 8th which was attended by twenty-eight people. Later an auction was held and games were played.

### **Nottingham**

A Primary Social was held in the Eastwood Branch on April 14th, the first one for many years. There were thirty-five in attendance which included twenty Primary children. A well prepared programme was provided for the entertainment and refreshments were served by the Relief Society Sisters.

On May 26th Nottingham Branch held a Sunday School Social under

the direction of Brother Tom Hez-seltine. Three pounds was raised towards the Summer Outing and the 55 who joined in the fun had an enjoyable evening.

Nottingham M.I.A. held a square dance which was organised by Brother Geoffrey Harris. Twenty-five young people attended and responded merrily to the calls.

### **Scottish**

The Gold and Green Ball was held in Glasgow under the direction of Brother William Proctor on April 21st. The hall was beautifully decorated in a Scottish theme with tartans, pictures of Scottish scenes and shields of Scottish clans. One of the sisters painted a highland scene on a full length mirror. Many Scottish songs and dances were included in the programme and most of the missionaries wore the kilt. Refreshments were provided by Glasgow Branch.

The President of the Airdrie Branch is leaving for the U.S.A. on June 13th with his wife and baby daughter. Brother Warren will be missed by the people of Airdrie where he has served as Branch President for approximately three years.

Sister McLuskie is also outward bound from Airdrie where she was a member for over fifty years and has served in many positions.

The June Outing to Ayr and a little tour of the Burns country is bound to be a success for two thirty-nine seater buses are now full and more people want to go.

A farewell party was held for Brother Stanley Thompson of Aberdeen on May 22nd. He was presented with a gift from the members.

### **Sheffield**

Sister B. Nettleship was sustained

in the office of District Primary Supervisor in place of Sister Sheila Swift.

The Primary and Sunday School Conventions were held at Sheffield on June 2nd. There was a good attendance and a wonderful spirit prevailed throughout. After the Conventions, refreshments were supplied by the Relief Society and entertainment was provided by the Branches and Missionaries. This was of a very high standard and gave much enjoyment to all present.

Between fifty and sixty members and friends went to Chatsworth Park on May 21st. It was grand to see the children enjoying themselves in this truly wonderful Derbyshire setting, whilst the adults of both sexes got down to business and did battle royal in a baseball match.

### **Wales**

The Pre-Conference Social was very much enjoyed at Cardiff and Merthyr Branch gave some very sweet singing as only people from the valleys can sing. Cardiff Relief Society Sisters entertained under the title of "The Conway Road Follies". They sang a song in which quite a number of the Saints had their legs pulled. It was all very good humoured and evoked much laughter. These "Follies" are now quite a regular feature and much enjoyed by all.

### **Ordinations and Advancements in the Priesthood**

On April 22nd Brother Max Milligan was ordained to the office of Priest by Elder Andrew P. Hancock and Brother Stanley Worth to the Office of Teacher by Brother Max Milligan. These brethren and both members are of the Darlington Branch.

Thomas Granger of Paisley to be

a Deacon under the hand of Elder Connell on May 20th.

James Robert Neal to be a Teacher under the hand of Elder Ralph Parlette of Norwich.

Morris Neal Sargent of Norwich to be a Teacher under the hand of Brother Thomas G. Wilson.

On April 22nd Ronald Briks to be a Teacher under the hand of President Frank Bailey; Gordon Alan Mears to be a Priest under the hand of Elder Kenneth Berrett, and William Spears to be a Priest under the hand of President Frank Bailey.

On April 29th the following brethren were advanced to the Office of Priest in the Aaronic Priesthood :—

William Bates under the hand of President L. W. Peterson.

James Roy Caddick under the hand of President Cecil Kearns.

Robert Eric Isherwood under the hand of Wilfred Clarke.

William Roberts under the hand of James R. Caddick.

Alan Crookell under the hand of President Cecil Kearns.

Harold Crookell under the hand of James R. Caddick.

All these brethren are of the Manchester District.

#### *Corrections*

Reginald Gaunt was ordained by President Robinson to the office of a Deacon. Hull District.

Brother Malcolm King was ordained to the office of a Deacon by President Jenner. Hull District.

Brother Sharp was ordained to the office of a Priest by President Jenner. Hull District.

#### **Deaths**

The wife of Brother Joseph Falconer of Liverpool died suddenly on May 25th at the Walton Hospital, Liverpool.

#### **Births and Blessings**

A son was born to Brother and Sister Alistair Smith of Aberdeen on May 8th.

Susan Lynn Hamilton daughter of Brother and Sister William B. Hamilton of Catford was blessed on May 20th by Elder Alan E. Osborne.

The infant daughter of Brother and Sister Derek Cuthbert was blessed by her father on May 6th and given the names of Rosalind Jane.

Jonathan Lloyd Bland, the infant son of Brother and Sister Donald Bland of Nottingham was blessed by his father on May 6th.

Patricia Anne Bland, the seven-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Bland of Northampton was blessed by Elder Ben Shippen on May 6th.

A much loved member of the Peterborough Branch, Sister Doris Fritz, gave birth to a son on June 4th.

The infant son of Mr. and Sister Hugh McDermott of Nuneaton was blessed by Elder Kenneth Berrett on May 27th and given the names of Gary Hugh.

The following children were blessed at Grimsby on May 13th :—

John Howard Lloyd by his father, Brother Howard Lloyd; Irene Helen Bushell by her father, Brother Leslie C. Bushell; Allisson Jane Darcy by President Arthur R. Jenner.

A daughter, Margaret Ann, was born to Brother and Sister Nickell of Belfast on April 24th.

Karen Lynne Caddick, daughter of Brother and Sister James R. Caddick of Wythenshawe, was blessed by Brother W. Clarke on May 6th.

**Those receiving the Certificate for having completed the British Mission Public Speaking and Teaching Course :**

Frederick W. Oates	Newcastle District	June 4th, 1956
Ronald S. Eliason	Newcastle District	June 4th, 1956
Ernest Hewitt	Newcastle District	June 4th, 1956
Gordon Mathews	Newcastle District	June 4th, 1956
John Fenwick	Newcastle District	June 4th, 1956
Evelyn Young	Newcastle District	June 4th, 1956
Joan Key	Newcastle District	June 4th, 1956
Minnie Selkirk	Newcastle District	June 4th, 1956
Gladys Quayle	Newcastle District	June 4th, 1956
Jane Wilson	Newcastle District	June 4th, 1956
Susan Wilson	Newcastle District	June 4th, 1956
Marjory Cuthbertson	Newcastle District	June 4th, 1956
Sheila Jackson	Newcastle District	June 4th, 1956
Greta Pierce	Newcastle District	June 4th, 1956

## MISSIONARY ACTIVITIES

### BAPTISMS :

#### Birmingham District

Grace A. Davis of Kidderminster  
 Frank Albert Culley of Northampton  
 Cyril Langford of Northampton  
 Joyce Evelyn Langford of Northampton  
 Hilda Neale of Northampton  
 Garry R. Banks of Worcester  
 Grace M. Banks of Worcester  
 Sylvia Ann Cook of Worcester

#### Bristol District

Phillip R. Ashton-Sharpe  
 Oliver Ashton-Sharpe

#### Hull District

Derek S. Adams of Hull  
 Doreen Gilmartin of Hull  
 Dorothea Margaret Harman of Hull  
 Nancy W. Lamb of Hull  
 Elsie Ward of Hull

#### Leeds District

Susan P. Allen of Leeds  
 Yvette A. S. Camm of Leeds  
 Janice Marie Tassell of Leeds  
 Brenda Alcock Parker of Huddersfield  
 Brian Robert Hillen of Huddersfield  
 Sybil Robinson of Dewsbury

#### Liverpool District

Violet Errington of Preston  
 Edna Doughty of Preston  
 George Doughty of Preston

#### London District

Kathleen I. E. Bennett of Gravesend  
 Ronald John Bennett of Gravesend  
 Doreen Emily Harman of Gravesend  
 William David J. Harman of Gravesend  
 Patricia Ann Finnis of Gravesend  
 Kathryn Holladay of Oxford

### APPOINTMENTS :

Elder William K. Daines was appointed President of Newcastle District, June 1st, 1956.  
 Elder Norman Heber Jackson was appointed President of Irish District, June 23rd, 1956.  
 Elder Harold Jacklin was appointed President of Nottingham District, July 6th, 1956.  
 Elder Sherman A. Johansen was appointed President of Bristol District, July 6th, 1956.  
 Elder Ray A. Ogden was appointed President of Scottish District, July 6th, 1956.

### ARRIVALS :

May 15th, 1956

Elder Howard Kent Coltrin  
 Elder Michael Clark Murdock  
 Elder Merland James Snarr  
 May 29th, 1956

Elder Robert Welby Gammon  
 Elder Wayne Wilde

From

Boise, Idaho  
 Salt Lake City, Utah  
 Idaho Falls, Idaho

Pleasant Grove, Utah  
 Provo, Utah

Assigned to

Nottingham  
 Liverpool  
 Leeds

Sheffield  
 Newcastle

Henry Stephen Imbert of Oxford  
 Malcolm John Metcalf of South London  
 Josephine W. Pepperell of South London  
 Newcastle District  
 Evelyn Gregson of Newcastle  
 Rene Karen Cooper of Newcastle  
 Audrey M. Grudgings of South Shields  
 Stanley Thomas Grudgings of South Shields  
 May Elizabeth Johnson of South Shields  
 Norwich District  
 Mahel Florence Mason of Colchester  
 Michael John Peachey of Ipswich  
 Jane Elizabeth Pearce of Ipswich  
 Susan Nancy Pearce of Ipswich  
 Philip Edward Pearce of Ipswich  
 Hadyn Augusta Drake of Peterborough  
 Major Donald S. Overton of Peterborough  
 Paul Anthony Overton of Peterborough  
 Kenneth R. Goddard of Southend  
 Margarethe U. A. Goddard of Southend  
 Allan Bernard Whalley of Southend  
 Joan Barbara Whalley of Southend  
 Nottingham District  
 Lily May Hickling of Nottingham  
 Norman Stanley of Nottingham  
 Scottish District  
 Robert Black of Dundee  
 Alan H. Brown of Dundee  
 Georgina M. Clancy of Dundee  
 Sandra Patricia Leece of Dundee  
 Evelyn Barbara Skene of Aberdeen  
 Thomas Skene of Aberdeen  
 Welsh District  
 Heather L. Bent of Cardiff  
 James Alfred Bent of Cardiff  
 John A. Smith of Cardiff



**TRANSFERS :**

	<i>From</i>	<i>To</i>	<i>Date Effective</i>
Elder Francis K. Dewsbery	Sheffield	Ireland	May 17th, 1956
Elder Harold Jacklin	Ireland	Nottingham	May 17th, 1956
Elder Yappa Daines Lund	Nottingham	Sheffield	May 17th, 1956
Elder William Rolfe Kerr	London Office	Scotland	May 23rd, 1956
Sister Marjorie Fyffe	Wales	London	May 23rd, 1956
Sister Barbara Phillips	Scotland	Nottingham	May 23rd, 1956
Sister Franchesca Willcox	London	Newcastle	May 23rd, 1956
Elder Sherman A. Johansen	Norwich	Bristol	June 1st, 1956
Elder Harold J. Kemp, Jr.	Bristol	Norwich	June 1st, 1956
Elder Douglas Brammer	Norwich	Norwich	June 11th, 1956
Sister Elsie H. Brammer	Norwich	Sheffield	June 11th, 1956
Sister Greta-Jean Loughton	Newcastle	Norwich	June 11th, 1956

**RELEASES :**

	<i>From</i>	<i>Served in</i>
May 17th, 1956		
Sister Mitzi Buckley	Mesa, Arizona	Welsh and London Districts
Elder James Leon Evans	Salt Lake City, Utah	Scottish and Manchester Districts
Elder Wallace Keith Godderidge	Smithfield, Utah	Leeds District (medical release)
May 18th, 1956		
Elder Gordon LaMar Chapman	Mesa, Arizona	London and Nottingham Districts
Elder Clyde Rasmussen	Magrath, Alberta, Canada	Hull and Birmingham Districts
Elder Ben Ray Shippen	San Diego, California	Irish and Birmingham Districts
May 20th, 1956		
Sister Mary Walker	Halifax, Yorkshire, England	Hull, Newcastle and Birmingham Districts
May 24th, 1956		
Sister Rhea May Hatch	Boise, Idaho	Leeds and Welsh Districts
May 30th, 1956		
Elder Dix K. Waddell	Driggs, Idaho	Irish, Manchester and Scottish Districts
June 1st, 1956		
Elder Ronald Smith Eliason	Salt Lake City, Utah	Newcastle* District
Elder Ralph Burnett Thackeray	Croyden, Utah	Newcastle, Norwich and Sheffield Districts
June 15th, 1956		
Sister Sheila Thomson	Aberdeen, Scotland	London and Norwich Districts
June 23rd, 1956		
Elder Ronald Q. Frederickson	Salt Lake City, Utah	Sheffield and Irish* Districts
July 6th, 1956		
Elder Reed Richards Callister	Glendale, California	Nottingham and Scottish* Districts
Elder Kenneth I. Craythorn	Burley, Idaho	London and Sheffield Districts
Elder Richard A. Henderson	Lethbridge, Alberta, Canada	Norwich, Sheffield, London, Newcastle and Scottish Districts
Elder Boyd Ivin Hoggan	Burley, Idaho	Birmingham and Bristol Districts
Elder Robert Glen Hufstetter	Ogden, Utah	Nottingham* District
Elder Thomas Edwin Shilton	Santa Barbara, California	Bristol* District

\* District President



**SISTER MITZI  
BUCKLEY**



**ELDER JAMES  
EVANS**



**ELDER GORDON  
CHAPMAN**



**ELDER CLYDE  
RASMUSSEN**



**ELDER BEN RAY  
SHIPPEN**



**SISTER MARY  
WALKER**



**SISTER RHEA MAY  
HATCH**



**ELDER DIX K.  
WADDELL**



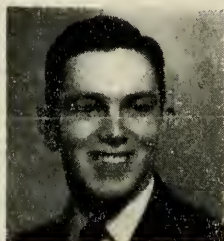
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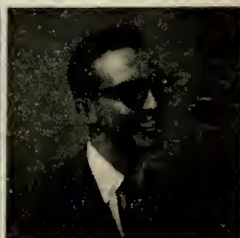
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HOGGAN**



**ELDER ROBERT  
HUFSTETLER**



**ELDER THOMAS  
SHILTON**



### *District Presidents of the British Mission Meet in London*

On June 1st and 2nd, 1956, President Clifton G. M. Kerr met with the district presidents of the British Mission for the purpose of instructing them concerning future events, mission progress and proselyting. The meeting was very successful, and a good spirit prevailed at all times. Seated in the centre of the picture are, left to right: President Frederick W. Oates, First Counsellor; President Clifton G. M. Kerr, Mission President; President John L. Harmer.

### *The Brigham Young University Track Team*

The Brigham Young University track team has been invited to compete in Finland this summer, and will stop here in England during their tour. They will be here from July 15th to 19th, and will run in Sunderland on July 16th. They will also compete in Manchester on July 18th, in the tournament sponsored by the Manchester City Police. This meet will be televised. The B.Y.U. team is one of the finest in the United States, and have broken several of their conference records. For full details of this event, contact your district presidents.

The drawings on the cover are four of the Presidents of Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, who laboured as missionaries in this mission. The tradition and examples of service they left should give us a greater incentive to do all in our power to promulgate the Gospel in Great Britain. The Presidents are, from back cover to front: President Brigham Young; President John Taylor; President Wilford Woodruff; President David O. McKay.

## ***It May Not Be on the Mountain Height***

*It may not be on the mountain height  
Or over the stormy sea  
It may not be at the battle's front  
My Lord will have need of me  
But if, by a still, small voice He calls  
To paths that I do not know  
I'll answer, dear Lord, with my hand in thine  
I'll go where you want me to go.*

